II. 30 Muslim officers have been allotted to IAS cadre J & K and 15 to IPS cadre J&K these 4 IAS and 1 IPS officers have been posted out of J&K and are presently on Central deputation.

Union Territory Status to Leh and Kargil

2107. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any demand from the Ladakh Budhist Association for separating District Leh and Kargil of J&K from the State and making the same a Union Territory; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) :— after an agreement on 29th October 1989 reached in the presence of the then Home Minister, the Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) are now pressing for an Autonomous District Council for Leh.

Illegal Detentions in Tihar Jail

2108. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that innocent persons have been illegally detained in Tihar Central Prison; and

(b) if so, the details thereof giving number of persons so detained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration has reported that in only one case an undertrial was detained in Jail for 19 days after his order of release by the Court was received due to mixing up his identity with another undertrial having identical name. The father's name also was identical in respect of both the undertrials. Disciplinary proceedings have already been initiated against three Assistant Superintendents of Jail for this lapse.

Absorption of Census Staff

2109. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated the 20th February, 1992 from the Ad-hoc Census Workers Action Committee, Meerut, U.P. urging for absorption; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) The temporary Census Employees Action Committee, Meerut (U.P.) in their letter dated 17.2.1992 have requested that 1981 Census retrenched employees who are working in the 1991 Census should be adjusted directly in other Departments of Government of India.

(b) A large number of persons have been appointed as Supervisors Checkers and Compilers in the Tabulation Offices set up in different parts of the country for compilation and tabulation of the 1991 Census data. These persons also include certain 1981 Census retrenched employees who could not get themselves absorbed in the Central/State Government Departments taking advantage of the concessions like age relaxation and priority in employment through Employment Exchanges extended by the Government. These persons have been engaged on consolidated salary on contract basis for specified short period. After the work for which they have been engaged is over, the Tabulation Offices will be wound up and the staff disbanded. At present there is no scheme under consideration for adjusting or absorbing the retrenched employees directly in the Departments of the Government.